

Richard, the only survivor of the brothers, passed peacefully away March 29, 1880, at the good old age of 82 years, 3 months and 5 days, thus severing the last link which connected us with the elder generation. He was remarkable for great personal beauty, a quiet demeanor, invincible firmness and resolution, unbending integrity, a high sense of justice, large hospitality and kindness, and a strong and enduring attachment to his kindred.

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Maunsell Van Rensselaer

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Son of Killian K. and Margaretta (Sanders) Van Rensselaer.

b. Dec. 24, 1797; d. March 29, 1880.

m. Elizabeth Van Rensselaer, d. Jan 1, 1835.

1. Deborah Sanders, b. Sept. 25, 1827; d. Feb. 23, 1832.
2. Maria Elizabeth, b. Feb. 27, 1829; d. Dec., 1865.
3. Edward, b. Sept. 21, 1830; d. April 29, 1831.
4. Harrison, b. June 9, 1832; d. July 9, 1833.

m. Matilda Fonda van Rensselaer, d. May 9, 1863.

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Maunsell Van Rensselaer, Class of 1838.

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Brother of William van Rensselaer, class 1816

Bernard S. Van Rensselaer, class 1821

John S. Van Rensselaer, class of 1810.



RICHARD VAN RENSSELAER

was born in Albany, in 1797. He was graduated in 1816 and spent his whole life in Albany, engaged in the business of insurance. He was President of the Merchant's National Bank and an Alderman. His habits were modest and retiring. He died of an affection of the heart, March 29th, 1880, in his 83rd year, having married twice but leaving no survivors. He was a Republican and a member of the Reformed Church.

RICHARD VAN RENSSELAER, 1816, a resident of Albany, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society. (Died: 1855)

Philomathean Catalogue 1830.



RICHARD VAN RENSSELAER

The old landmarks of Albany are rapidly passing away. The truth of this statement is given peculiar and added force in the fact that last evening, at his residence, 112 State Street, passed away the last of his branch of the Van Rensselaer family in the person of Richard Van Rensselaer. The deceased had been, during all his long life, an honored, upright and public-spirited citizen, and his death, in the maturity and ripeness of old age, gathers to his fathers the oldest and, most singularly, the last surviving member of the family.

Mr. Van Rensselaer proceeded yesterday morning, as usual, to his office with his servant, but he had no sooner taken off his overcoat and shoes than he complained of a sharp and severe pain across the chest, and was obliged to lie down. Dr. Ward was immediately summoned and directed that he should be taken to his home, which was at once done. He grew rapidly worse, but remained perfectly conscious and rational until a few minutes before his death, which occurred just before nine o'clock last evening. The immediate cause of his death is not definitely known, but it is supposed to have been from an affection of the heart.

Richard Van Rensselaer was born in this city in State Street near the Old Elm Tree corner, December 24, 1797, and was therefore in the eighty-third year of his age. His father was Killian Van Rensselaer who, it is a notable fact, was the first Representative in the Congress of the United States from this district; and his mother was Margaretta Sanders, great-granddaughter of Robert Sanders, famous in the annals of this city for his knowledge of the Indian language and his influence over the Five Nations. He graduated at Union College in 1816, in company with his brother William, was admitted to the bar, and made a Master in Chancery by Chancellor Kent. His disposition was always retiring, and his manners plain and unobtrusive. He never sought nor would accept public or political place, but was content to spend his long and honorable life in a private station, and to the very last he set an example of industry in his business and fidelity in every trust committed to him.

It is a fact worthy of note that his death follows so close upon that of another of Albany's oldest and most respected citizens, Mr. Thomas W. Olcott, whose funeral on Wednesday last Mr. Van Rensselaer was quite desirous to attend. By reason of the inclement weather and advice of his friends, he was obliged to forego the solemn duty. Mr. Van Rensselaer was, at the time of his death, President of the Merchants' National Bank of this city, and a director in the Albany and Schenectady Turnpike Company and of the Albany Gas-light Co.

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